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SUBJECT:RESPONSE TO PRIME MINISTER'S PROPOSAL

REFS: STATE 286540

1. FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH SHOULD BE INSERTED BETWEEN PARAS 4
AND 5 OF REFTTEL, FROM WHICH IT WAS INADVERTENTLY OMITTED.

2. QUOTE: WE REALIZE THAT THE JAPANESE DELEGATION DOES
NOT WISH TO APPEAR TO BE A NEGOTIATING TEAM. WE ALSO UNDER-
STAND THAT THE TEAM WILL BRING WITH IT THE MOST CURRENT
THINKING OF THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN ON THE SUGGESTIONS WE
HAVE PRESENTED AS DECIDED DECEMBER 6. THE USG URGES HOW-
EVER THAT THE USHIBA TEAM BRING A POSITION THAT RESPONDS
REALISTICALLY TO THE NEEDS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION,
THAT IS FLEXIBLE, AND NOT A FINAL, UNCHANGEABLE POSITION,
AND THAT THE VISIT NOT BE PRECEDED OR ACCOMPANIED BY PUBLIC
ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THESE MEASURES.

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WHICH MIGHT THEN BE PUBLICLY CRITICIZED IN THE U.S. AS IN-
ADEQUATE, WOULD BE MOST DAMAGING. AS A RESULT, OUR STRONG
PREFERENCE WOULD BE THAT THE VISIT BE DESCRIBED PUBLICLY AS

ANOTHER STAGE IN AN ONGOING CONSULTATION PROCESS. WE
WOULD PROPOSE TO KEEP THE NATURE AND CONTENT OF THE DELIB-
ERATIONS CONFIDENTIAL; TO AVOID LOCKING JAPAN INTO A

PUBLIC POSITION. VANCE

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